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A cum laude graduate of Lafayette College, where he combined fraternity politics with an active role in undergraduate publications, he faced simultaneously the hazards of marriage and law, marrying the former Mildred Suydam in 1929 and earning his degree at Columbia Law School in 1931. He completed his New Jersey clerkship in the Trenton office of the late Edward L. Katzenbach, former attorney general of New Jersey, whose deep-rooted love of Princeton gave Smith his first interest in this municipality and led him to settle here. He hurdled his state bar examinations in 1932 and four years later became a counsellor at law.

Describing himself as a "dabbler," with a multitude of non-legal interests ranging from any kind of mechanical gadget to outside work around his 13-acre farm, Smith is anything but a "dabbler" when it comes to keeping first things first. He serves as attorney of the Borough as well as associate counsel for Princeton University's Board of Trustees. He is the youngest member of the Advisory Board of the New Jersey Realty Title Insurance Company, a trustee of the New Jersey Children's Home Society, a director of the Princeton Water Company and a deacon of the First Presbyterian Church. During World War II, he sandwiched in with his other responsibilities the supervision of Princeton's home defense units.

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### Topics of the Town

**Surprising Statistics.** A survey of opinion taken by TOWN TOPICS Tuesday night at the forum conducted under League of Women Voters' auspices revealed several surprising points:

Only 19 percent of those polled in the room—ballots were distributed to all of the estimated 250 attending—were against consolidation of the Borough and Township. And only one out of three residents of the latter municipality who took part in the survey disapproved of the proposal.

Backing such a merger, the figures showed, were 68 percent of those who came to the Elementary School auditorium. Divided municipally, Townshipers were 49 percent for it, Borough residents 89 percent in agreement. About one in ten expressed no opinion on the question.

The replies summarized:

	Yes	No	No Opin.
Borough	89%	2%	9%
Township	49	34	17
Combined Vote	68	19	13

More than half those present (54 percent) felt that such a merger might be effected within the next decade.

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Again the Township was surprising in its strength on the affirmative side, 47 percent of its residents present Tuesday feeling that consolidation could be completed if tried. Thirty-four percent said no, the remaining 19 percent expressed no opinion.

Oddest statistic of all culled from the balloting: the Township was represented at the meeting virtually on a 50-50 basis with the Borough, far out of proportion to its actual 1-3 ratio.

Suggested creation of a joint planning board between the two municipalities was overwhelmingly approved: the overall vote was 91 percent for, with the Borough 95 percent in favor and Township residents giving 88 percent support to a  
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## Sports in Short

**High School Opener.** Princeton High School, playing varsity baseball for the first time since the pressure of war forced a curtailment of athletic activities, will return to "outside" interscholastic competition Tuesday afternoon, April 30th, facing Pennington High School at Pennington. The local nine's curtain-raiser will unveil a 10-game schedule that includes six home contests.

Coach Morrill Shepard, who right-handed the University of New Hampshire to diamond victories two decades ago, will be taking an essentially green team to Pennington. However, Coach Shepard and high school authorities are more concerned with the development of ball players than they are with the results of the campaign ahead.

Looking to the future, and to the return of baseball to its pre-Pearl Harbor pedestal, the High School has innovated a modified "farm system." Both freshman and junior varsity squads will write new chapters in high school athletic annals this year by playing "outside" games along with the more polished varsity.

**Bowling Brevities.** The crack Lions Club aggregation, with a final standing of 29 victories and 13 setbacks, has clinched second-half honors in Princeton's B League and on Thursday, May 2d, will match strikes and spares with the first-half winners, Tiger Garage. . . In the Girls' League, which will conclude loop schedules on Tuesday, April 30th, the Pin Ups and Woodpeckers have established themselves as logical favorites to annex the second-half crown and thereby earn the right to tangle with

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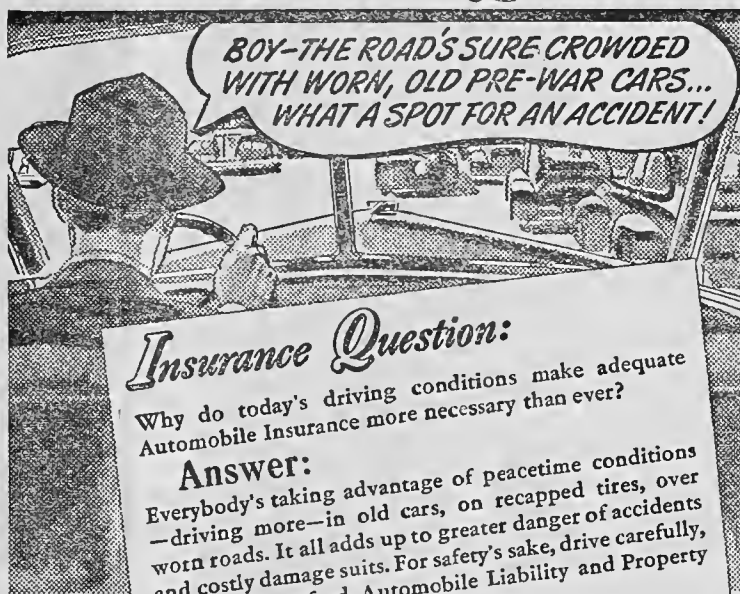
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## TOPICS OF THE TOWN

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move long discussed, long pigeon-holed.

Voting followed speeches by Russell Van Nest Black, Dr. Charles R. Erdman, Jr., Dr. William Miller, each of whom spoke in favor of consolidation. Reasons cited on the ballots leaned to the belief that better services and increased governmental efficiency would result from consolidation, while those against were solid in their determination, relatively inarticulate about the cause for their isolationism.

TOWN TOPICS cannot print here a complete tabulation of Tuesday's ballot, with all of its various breakdowns. The editors will, however, be very glad to

send full statistics to any one requesting them and further will be happy to give any municipal official an opportunity to see the ballots themselves, since they contain a large variety of extremely interesting comments.

**About That Dairy Laboratory.** Because of the volume of protests over National Dairy Products' plan to build a \$2,000,000 research laboratory in Lawrence Township, company president James Bruce is threatening to cancel the move, take his project elsewhere. The new location, he has indicated, will be in a neighborhood where the laboratory is enthusiastically sought, not where members of the Princeton Garden Club (and others) have already tendered him a "frosty reception."

Mr. Bruce's facetious, sometimes scathing letter went to President Dodds, was circulated among Garden Clubbers who had wired him a strong protest. Regardless of conviction on the matter, the letter is worth reading.

**Spick & Span.** The Borough's annual clean-up week begins Monday. The rules: place all trash in containers on the curb, separating that which will burn from that which will not. Have your contributions to the drive to make Princeton as attractive as possible on  
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## Calendar of the Week

### Saturday, April 27th

- 2:30 p.m.: Baseball: Princeton University vs. U. S. Naval Academy, University Field.  
Tennis: Princeton University vs. Columbia, Church Courts.  
3:00 p.m.: Triangular Crew Regatta: Princeton University vs. University of Pennsylvania and Rutgers, Lake Carnegie; preliminary races at 3:00, 3:30 and 4:30, varsity race at 5:00.

### Sunday, April 28th

- 2:00 a.m. Eastern Daylight Saving Time; all time-pieces to be advanced one hour.  
7:00, 8:30, 10:00 and 11:00 a. m.: Mass at St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church.  
11:00 a.m. "Christian Leadership," the Rev. Dr. Frank S. Niles; installation into office of elders and deacons, First Presbyterian Church.  
"Fifty Decisive Days," the Rev. Dr. William L. Tucker, Second Presbyterian Church.  
"Soul Pilgrims," the Rev. Glen Martin, Wesley Foundation, assisted by Princeton University undergraduates; Methodist Church.  
"Having obtained health from God, I continue unto this day," the Rev. James S. Brown, Mt. Pisgah A. M. E. Church.  
Sermon, the Rev. Thomas A. Jenkins, Witherspoon Street Presbyterian Church.  
Sermon, the Rev. William T. Parker, First Baptist Church.  
University Chapel Service, University Preacher, Dean Robert R. Wicks, University Chapel.  
"Probation After Death," Lesson-Sermon, First Church of Christ, Scientist.  
7:30 p.m.: Choral Evensong, Trinity Episcopal Church.  
8:00 p.m. "The Book of Acts—How the Church Began," the Rev. Dr. Niles, First Presbyterian Church.  
"Endure Hardship as a Good Soldier," the Rev. Brown, Mt. Pisgah A. M. E. Church.  
Welcome Home Service for Returned Veterans; guest speaker, the Rev. John B. Redmond; First Baptist Church.  
8:15 p.m.: Evening Service, First Church of Christ, Scientist.

### Monday, April 29th

- 9:00 a.m.: Opening of Community Clean-Up Week, which will continue through Saturday, May 4th.  
8:00 p.m.: Meeting Princeton Democratic Club, Chestnut Street Firehouse.

### Wednesday, May 1st

- 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.: Trinity Episcopal Church Garden Day, auspices Women's Auxiliary; tour of six Princeton gardens, starting at Prospect, University Campus.  
4:00 p.m.: Baseball: Princeton University vs. Columbia University, University Field.  
Golf: Princeton University vs. Haverford College, Springdale Golf Club.  
Tennis: Princeton University vs. William and Mary College, Church Courts.  
8:00 p.m.: Prayer and Class, Mt. Pisgah A. M. E. Church.  
"Waiting for Power," the Rev. Dr. Niles, First Presbyterian Church.  
Mid-Week Service, Methodist Church.

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## News of the Theatres

### The Playhouse

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Gilda (Sunday through Wednesday) stars Rita Hayworth in a long story about night life and Nazi intrigue in Buenos Aires. Miss Hayworth, playing her first "straight" role, also sings and

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dances, is better at that than at her fling as a dramatic actress. Glenn Ford, back from the wars for the first time in four years, is her leading man.

Doll Face (Thursday, Friday, Saturday), from the pen of Gypsy Rose Lee, surprises no one by being a musical with the world of burlesque for its setting. Vivian Blaine, Dennis O'Keefe and Perry Como take part, but their best efforts fall a little short of the mark. Included among the various selections is "Dig You Later," billed as "The Hubba Hubba Song."

### The Garden

Cinderella Jones (Friday, Saturday). A hunt for a brilliant husband, whom she must marry under the terms of the will which left her a fortune, takes Joan Leslie to a men's college, in which she manages to enroll. The escapades which follow are fast, furious, only occasionally funny.

Pennies from Heaven (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday). A Bing Crosby revival for the many Crosby fans. Louis Armstrong and orchestra are a welcome addition.

Getting Gertie's Garter (Thursday, Friday, Saturday) is a bed-room farce which includes among its participants Marie "The Body" McDonald. The film depends upon slapstick comedy and typical Hollywood gags for its success.

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**Actors Turned Financiers.** The Community Players this week cemented plans to acquire spacious "Avalon," made known their intentions of selling a series of three percent debenture bonds. To be issued in denominations of \$100, \$500 and \$1,000, they will be supplemented by outright contributions and the proceeds raised last February from "The Devil's Disciple." Total amount thought necessary: \$20,000.

The picturesque home of the late Henry Van Dyke will be converted into a small theatre and clubrooms downstairs, apartments (for veterans) on the upper floors. An added feature will be a library which will serve as a Van Dyke memorial. To qualify as property-holders, the organization is now known as The Princeton Community Players Club, Inc.

**Miscellany.** Mrs. Walter E. Beers and Mrs. Charles A. Williamson, elected elders of the Second Presbyterian Church, are the first women in the church's history to serve in this capacity . . . the Princeton Democratic Club will hold a rally Monday night at 8 in the Chestnut Street firehouse . . . Candidates David R. Winans and John P. Servis will be introduced and entertainment will be furnished by talent which, President Edward A. Thorne tells us, "is New York bound".

The Borough Council closed up the Witherspoon Social Club for 60 days, meting out 10 days for each of six charges of selling liquor to minors and non-members . . . 15 days were remitted to match the period during which the club was closed for police investigation.

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## SPORTS IN SHORT

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the early season champions, the Rockettes.

The A League, playing a campaign divided into three equal parts, finds Tiger Garage and Peacock Alley again fighting it out for the diadem, that will be awarded on the last evening of league competition, Monday, April 29th. The first third of the current season resulted in a Peacock Alley-Tiger Garage deadlock; Peacock waltzed home in front during the second third; and now Tiger Garage is running somewhat ahead in the struggle for the all-important "rubber" third.

Twin-M League. In keeping with the nationwide revival of baseball, that is now reaching boom proportions, officials of the Twin-M League, headed by their able president, Judge John Holohan, have announced that eight teams will be ready to launch circuit schedules on Tuesday, May 6th. Members of the league this spring will be Princeton, Hopewell, Kingston, Cranbury, Livingston Park, Adams, Monmouth Junction and an all-star Walker-Gordon team.

## CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

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8:15 p.m.: Mid-Week Service, First Church of Christ, Scientist.

8:30 p.m.: Mid-Week Service, First Baptist Church.

**Thursday, May 2d**

3:00 p.m.: Track: Princeton High School vs. Hamilton High School, HS Athletic Field.

5:00 p.m.: "Music, Popular and Unpopular," Professor Randall Thompson, 28 McCosh Hall, University Campus.

8:00 p.m.: Meeting, Township Board of Education, Township Hall.

**Saturday, May 4th**

9:00 a.m.: Fourth weekly French Flower Market, Nassau Street at University Place.

12:30 p.m.: Golf, Princeton University vs. U. S. Naval Academy.

2:00 p.m.: Lacrosse: Princeton University vs. City College of New York, Fitzpatrick Field.

2:30 p.m.: Track: Princeton University vs. Rutgers University, Palmer Stadium.

Tennis: Princeton University vs. Georgetown, Church Courts.

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### A League

	W.	L.
Tiger Garage .....	18	6
Peacock Alley .....	15	6
Frazee .....	12	9
Squatters .....	10	14
Brophys .....	9	15
Kings Inn .....	5	9

A League Highlights: High Single  
Game: Barney Carroll, 232; High  
Three Games: Barney Carroll, 597.

### B League

	W.	L.
Lions Club .....	29	13
No Stars .....	24	18
Snafus .....	23	19
Tiger Garage .....	22	20
Dutch Neck .....	22	20
Railway Express .....	19	23
Goldbricks .....	18	24
Princeton .....	11	31

B League Highlights: High Single  
Game: Joseph Perpetua, 244; High  
Three Games: Peter Pranis, 557.

### Girls League

	W.	L.
Pin Ups .....	25	14
Woodpeckers .....	24	15
Roll O .....	22	17
Rockettes .....	20	19
Timberwolves .....	15	24
Firecrackers .....	11	28

Girls League Highlights: High single  
Game: Gilda De Vido, 202; High  
Three Games: Judy Bernath, 532.

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